

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3814
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SKIMMED MILK POWDER AND BUTTER OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dairy Industry has urged the Government to formulate strategies for WTO including re-negotiation and increase of import duties on skimmed milk powder and butter oil in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether WTO have provided any concessions to the milk societies in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRITASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Dairy Industry has urged the Government to increase import duty on skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder from 0% to 60% and a bound tariff rate of 0% by year 2004-2005 for all dairy commodities. To protect the Indian dairy industry the Government had re-negotiated the increase in the bound rate of duty on skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder. As a result of these negotiations the- bound rate on import of skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder were increased from 0% to 60% with the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) of 10,000 MT on annual basis with 15% duty on both lines together with effect from 12th June 2000. Other dairy products are having tariff rate bound at either 40% or above 40%.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): In view of (c) above, Question does not arise.